

FIFTH AVENUE BLAZE.

Fierce Early Morning Fire Opposite the Waldorf.

Occupants of the House Next to Demarest's Ordered Out.

Hotel Guests See a Great Battle with Flames.

There was a big fire early this morning at Fifth avenue and Thirty-third street, across the way from the Hotel Waldorf, which aroused the Waldorf's guests, who watched the blaze from the windows of the hotel.

The fire was in the warehouse and saleroom of the Demarest & Co., manufacturers of fine carriages at 327 and 329 Fifth avenue, at the northeast corner of Thirty-third street.

The blaze was discovered by Policeman Sloane, of the Tenderloin Precinct. He was patrolling his post on Fifth avenue about 3:30 A. M. when he saw smoke coming from the windows on the top floor, and rang an alarm from the box at the corner of Fifth and Third streets.

When the firemen arrived flames were shooting out of the windows, and Battalion Chief Fisher turned in a second alarm. The fire spread rapidly, and Chief Bonner ordered the third alarm.

The rattling of the fire-engines caused some excitement in the numerous hotels in the district. The guests in the Waldorf and in the Hotel Cambridge, on the southwest corner of Fifth avenue and Thirty-third street, were awakened from their slumbers and crowded at the windows while the firemen were battling with the flames.

There was no scare among the guests in either the Waldorf or the Cambridge, although much interest was displayed by them.

The building in which the fire occurred, is a two-story brick structure, with a frontage of about fifty feet and a depth of seventy feet. Demarest & Co. occupy the whole of it.

The top floor, where the fire started, was used as a varnishing room. A large number of carriages of fine make were stored in the lower floors.

The varnish and paint caused the fire to burn fiercely, and within a short time after the outbreak the whole top story was a mass of flames, which shot up into the air and lit up the neighborhood.

Chief Bonner ordered the occupants of the house, 315 Fifth avenue, to get out of the building, for a time, seemed threatened.

Lines of hose were dragged up to the roofs of the adjoining houses, and water tower No. 2 was placed in position in front of the burning building in Thirty-third street.

Streams of water from the tower were shot right into the flames through the top story windows.

Although the fire had made much headway before the firemen could get to work, they succeeded in confining the outbreak to the top floor. The fire did not get into the lower stories, but large quantities of water were poured into the building and ran down to the lower floors.

The members of the insurance patrol did good work. They covered up nearly all the carriages in every floor with tarpaulins, and thereby prevented what otherwise would have been very heavy water damage.

The fire was under control in about an hour. The whole top story was burned out, and considerable water damage was done in the rest of the building.

The loss on the contents of the building was placed at \$25,000, and on the building at \$10,000, and has been covered by spontaneous combustion.

NEWS FROM THE MORNING.

Letters Which Prove Her Alleged Encounter Never Took Place.

Lade Hornbeck, editor of Our Navy, the weekly journal published by the men and apprentices of the United States Navy, is in receipt of three letters from officers on board the United States ship Mohican, which set at rest all reports regarding the alleged encounter between the Mohican and the Alexandria.

The letters were all mailed at Sitka, Alaska, and bear dates of June 8, 11 and 17. The conflict between the two vessels was reported to have taken place on May 2.

The letter dated June 17 contains the following:

"We intend to start within the next few days for St. Paul, Prebille Islands. The seals utterly establish their rookeries at these islands at the end of June of every year, and the breeding places at St. Paul are the most extensive in this part of the coast. No record has occurred on board since last writing."

ASPINWALL STILL IN JAIL.

His Examination Postponed Until To-Morrow by Mutual Consent.

The examination of Lloyd Aspinwall on the charge of forgery was postponed in Yorkville Court this forenoon until 9:30 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Gen. Varnum, Aspinwall's counsel, said that one of the defense's witnesses could not come to court to-day, and the examination was put off by mutual consent.

The children did not come into court to-day, and will remain another night in Yorkville Prison.

It is confidently expected that Lloyd's brother, William, will take back the statement he previously made under oath, that he is a subject of the United States, and that he is not a foreigner.

MINISTER BAKER NOT IN PERIL.

His Reported Protest Probably Only a Matter of Record.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—The situation of Minister Baker at Managua, Nicaragua, is being closely watched at the State Department.

It is not felt that he is in any great personal danger, and he has made a formal protest to the revolutionists, as reported, against their disregard of the principles of civilized warfare in firing upon a town without warning and endangering the Legation building, he has probably done so with a view to making the matter one of official record that hereafter he is a subject of diplomatic negotiation.

The United States ship Alliance is now on her way to Corral from Peru.

HALSTEAD'S SLAYER HELD.

Green Says He Did Not Know His Victim Had Heart Disease.

Fight Over a Canary Which Ended in a Death.

Matthew Green, foreman of Division No. 87, of the Street-Cleaning Department, charged with the murder of James Halstead, yesterday afternoon, was held by Justice Koch, in Yorkville Police Court, this forenoon, to await the action of the Coroner.

Green, who is a middle-aged, big-framed man, took things very coolly in court to-day. He said he was perfectly innocent of any intent to kill Halstead, and that it was chance alone which struck in self-defense which caused the man's death.

He exhibited a very much bruised and swollen eye as evidence that he was defending himself when Halstead was killed.

The trouble was all on account of a canary bird, whose singing qualities were being discussed in John Kieff's aviary at 520 First avenue.

Halstead, who was a dyer, with an establishment at 527 West One Hundred and Twenty-ninth street, went into Kieff's place about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and after talking over the merits of several canaries, concluded to buy a yellow bird, which began to sing over in one corner of the store.

Then Green, who lives at 213 East Twenty-ninth street, entered the place. Neither of the men had ever seen the bird before.

"That's a fine bird over there," said Green to Halstead.

"You know about you, you know about you," returned Halstead, who, it is claimed, was slightly intoxicated.

Green's story of what followed is best told in his own words.

"I saw he was drunk and answered him, 'I knew a good bird when I saw one.'"

"The man then began to call me vile names, and suddenly he struck at me, catching me on the left eye, as you see," he said, pointing to his eye.

"I grabbed him and pushed him back over the counter, and called to Kieff that I didn't want any further trouble with the man."

"Then let go of him and went outside. He followed me out, and on the street made another attack on me. I then struck him with my fist, and he fell down. I did not know he was so badly hurt, or I never would have hit him again."

"The man before, anyway, I was coming from work when the trouble occurred."

So far as can be learned, the theory that Halstead had heart disease had not been advanced by any one save Green. While the row was being carried on in the store, Proprietor Kieff ran out to get a policeman, and called to Kieff that the two men were fighting in the middle of the street.

Young Hummel says that, after Halstead struck Green in the eye, he ran and struck him on the forehead with his neck. Halstead pitched forward on his face, and Green called to Kieff to call a car. He was dead when bystanders found him lying in the middle of the street.

Green ran into Murtha's saloon across the way, Police Officer Dudley, of the East Thirty-ninth street station, arrested him there.

There is a story to the effect that Green kicked Halstead in the chest when he was down, but it cannot be substantiated.

A dead man leaves a widow but no children.

Green is a widower and boasts with Mrs. Halstead, who lives at Twenty-ninth street. He has been an employee of the Street-Cleaning Department for fifteen years.

HIRED OUT IMMIGRANTS.

Walking Delegate O'Brien Has Paul Vacerelli Arrested.

In the Tombs Police Court this morning William J. O'Brien, a walking delegate of the Stonecutters' Union, appeared before Judge Martin as complainant against Paul Vacerelli, of 214 Pleasant avenue, who is employed by an Italian tailor, and called by the name of M. H. Barilatte, at 50 Mulberry street.

O'Brien claims that he hired a number of Italian laborers at a very low wage, and that some of them were brought in a wagon to the North River wharf, and then taken to the Vacerelli place, who is only sixteen years old.

O'Brien gave the boy a 100 bill and made him go to the Vacerelli place, and he was arrested by the police.

O'Brien made a complaint against Barilatte, and Judge Martin set the case for trial on Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

Judge Martin paroled the banker and the boy on their own recognizance.

AL HEE CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Held for Trial on the Complaint of Ethel Woods.

Ah Lee, a Chinese laundryman, at 115 West Twenty-fifth street, was held in the Jefferson Market Police Court on the charge of assaulting Ethel Woods, aged thirteen, a colored girl, living at 121 West Twenty-fifth street, this morning.

Detective John O'Connor, of the Tenderloin Precinct, charged the boy with the assault on the girl, who is the daughter of a Chinese laundryman, and who is now in the hospital.

A moment later the young colored girl ran from the hospital, and she was taken to the hospital by the police.

Ah Lee pretended to be asleep when the detective entered his place, but he was identified by the girl.

The police are investigating this story.

Life Was a Burden.

Because of the intense pains in his stomach and side, and also on account of callous toes, a man named John, of 100 West Twenty-fifth street, was taken to the hospital.

KILLED WIFE AND CHILDREN.

And Fired His House in the Effort to Conceal His Crime.

John Smouse Accused from the Mouth of the Boy He Spared.

PITTSBURGH, July 26.—This morning at about 2 o'clock the south side fire department was called out to extinguish a slight fire in the house of John Smouse, who lived in Oak alley, on the side of the hill.

Some of the firemen in looking about the house were horrified at the sight of three dead bodies lying close to one another. They were those of Smouse's wife and two small children.

There were three ugly, deep dents in the poor woman's head, which showed that she had first been struck a deadly blow from behind; then the fearful work was finished with some blunt instrument, either a hatchet or a hammer.

The little children had the appearance of having been smothered to death, though their poor bodies also showed marks of violence.

The children were Mary and Maggie, and were four and two years old, respectively.

The husband was at once surrounded by the firemen and the police. He told a story to the effect that he had been sleeping on the floor downstairs, but was awakened by a noise, and ran upstairs and extinguished the flames. It was then, he said, that he first discovered the dead bodies of his wife and two children.

The police, however, had a different idea. They were convinced that John Smouse was a laborer, thirty-five years of age, and was a very ignorant man.

There was one more child, a boy, in the family, but by some means the little one escaped the general massacre. He is only five years old, but this morning he told the police that his father killed his mother and his two sisters with a hatchet, and then he hid in the third room.

The neighbors think jealousy was the cause of the awful deed.

TOMMY'S TOMATOES.

Had So Many He Attracted Attention and Was Arrested.

Tommy Greenway, a wee lad of twelve years, of 227 West Forty-sixth street, was arraigned on a charge of burglary in the Yorkville Court to-day, and placed in the custody of Agent Smith.

Smith, of the West Forty-sixth street station, makes a few more arrests in the case.

Tommy is a member of a gang of Lilliputian looters up on the west side near Forty-sixth and Eighth and Ninth avenues. An Tommy told the story this morning that he had been in the neighborhood of Smith & Son's grocery store, at Eighth avenue and Forty-sixth street, and had stolen some tomatoes.

There were about a dozen of them in all, and they all got away safely except Tommy. He was caught, and landed himself with such a powerful lot of canned tomatoes that he could not get rid of them. He was arrested by Agent Smith, and taken to the station.

Greenway was brought to court immediately upon their arrest.

MOVED THE STOCK AWAY.

Cohen Arrested for Larceny on Complaint of His Partner.

Barnett Cohen, twenty-six years old, of 141 Fourth street, was held for trial in the Jefferson Market Court to-day, charged with grand larceny.

Up to Monday Cohen and Marcus Rosenthal were partners in the fur manufacturing business at 51 Heccker street.

On Tuesday morning, when Mr. Rosenthal went to his place of business, he found it empty, and every dollar's worth of stock had disappeared.

Over \$100 worth of the stock was the property of M. Freundlich, of 123 Mercer street.

Mr. Rosenthal learned that late Monday night Cohen came to the store with a wagon, and took away the entire stock and drove away.

Rosenthal traced the stock to 224 West 107th street, where Cohen had taken it, and then notified the police.

Cohen was arrested last night. He claims to have a right to move the stock.

HIT WITH A LANTERN.

Erle Railroad Employees Fight and One Is Badly Cut.

Charles Livingston, of 264 Eighth street, Jersey City, a brakeman in the employ of the Erie Railway Company, was arrested early this morning charged with assault on Michael Tully, aged fifty years and employed as flagman at the Erie street crossing.

About midnight the two men became engaged in a struggle at the crossing, when Livingston struck the other with a lantern, causing severe injury and bad lacerations to his face. Livingston was held for trial.

FELL OUT OF THE WINDOW.

Baby Beels Escaped With Only a Sprained Shoulder.

Little James Beels, three years old, of 183 Twelfth street, Jersey City, is suffering from a sprained shoulder, and his parents are overjoyed to think there is nothing more serious the matter.

James was leaning out of the fourth-story window of his home last evening, and losing his balance fell some ten feet to the street.

He was picked up unconscious and a doctor was summoned, who made a careful examination, with the result above stated.

LONGSHOREMEN STRIKE.

A Reduction in Wages Forces Lumber Company to Shut Down.

ASHLAND, Wis., July 26.—Shores' Lumber company yesterday refused to pay the union scale of wages to longshoremen and the union men struck. The non-union men worked until about 4 o'clock, when the strikers went to the docks and drove the non-union men away.

A. J. Shores, President of the Company, shut down the mill, and declares he will keep it closed and take all of the men out of the camp.

POINTERS ON THE RACES.

No Stake Events at Monmouth, Yet the Card Appears Well.

The Second Race Looks the Best and Stonenell Should Win.

While there is nothing in to-day's card at Monmouth, over which the talent will go into ecstasies, the quality of the horses entered is good enough to insure good racing. There is a total absence of stake events, and six purses are offered for the thoroughbreds to fight for, five of which are for non-winners.

The track will be hard and fast. The second race, at six furlongs, with Stonenell, Chesapeake, Reckon, Fairy and Comanche in it, is by far the best race on the card, and should result in a hotly contested finish. The race for three-year-olds at the same distance, should also prove a good contest.

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HYGIENE IN HOUSEKEEPING.

Economizing Time and Promoting the Health of Families.

Disinfectants and the Uses to Which They May Be Put.

Hygienic housekeeping is not as popular as it will be. The gospel of health, cleanliness and domestic economy is being carried into the homes of the other half by "The Evening World's" corps of free physicians, by the sanitary officers of the Health Board, by the slum brigade of the Salvation Army and a few other philanthropic organizations that operate during the Summer months.

In the best educational institutions for women provision is made for the special training in the domestic arts; pupils are fitted to become housekeepers, nurses, cooks, missionaries, nursery governesses, industrial school teachers and sanitary inspectors. The course provides laboratory as well as scientific study; there are many of the colleges normal classes composed of needy or ignorant children, untrained servants and ignorant mothers, where, under the supervision of a head nurse, principal or matron, the student gets practice in teaching and nursing. In addition to this, lectures are given by specialists on the subject of domestic hygiene, and twice a week during the term. An admirable course of study is the outdoor classwork.

Through the courtesy of manufacturers, business firms and professional associations visits are made to food factories, laundries, hospitals, public institutions and buildings in process of construction, for the study of methods and sanitary improvements in plumbing, heating, ventilation, etc. In the college girls, and it is only fair to the managers to state that much practical knowledge is gained in the study of the kitchen service; the methods may not be economical from a material standpoint, but they are generally time-saving and convenient.

It is a long step from the woman's university to the industrial school, but the character of the instruction, the attractive manner in which it is given, and the general tone of the school, are such that the children and the civilizing and moralizing influence exerted through them on the family of the poor, is a most valuable one. Not only the little girls, but the boys, are taught to mend, darn, wash, cook, nurse, market and keep house.

In a Sullivan street school, where the boys make kitchen and toilet brushes for use in their own homes, the girls are taught to sew, knit, and make a pair of crutches for a crippled child.

One of the most interesting and useful classes in a Seventh avenue school are taught to prepare infant and garden classes. The little pupils are drilled in simple